

Top Four Actions To Achieve Co-equal Objectives.

1. Get the SWRCB to start updating flow standards now for existing conveyance and set standards for new conveyance.
2. Prioritize Delta levees for improvement and approve funding consistent with those priorities.
3. Call upon BDCP and other stakeholders to conduct due diligence review of a 3,000 c.f.s. conveyance.
4. Work with Delta interests and others including MWD and Westlands on phased restoration projects.

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Why a 3,000 c.f.s. Tunnel or Pipeline Could Work

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A dual conveyance system with a 3,000 c.f.s. tunnel/pipeline would still allow the “**Big Gulp**” in wet years.

BDCP’s study shows that a dual conveyance with a 3,000 c.f.s. tunnel/pipeline conveyance could **deliver 97% of the water** compared with dual conveyance with a 15,000 c.f.s. tunnel.

Under any environmental standards a dual conveyance system with a 3,000 c.f.s. tunnel/pipeline would allow **700,000 to 1.5 million acre feet more** diversions than current facilities under those same standards.

A 3,000 c.f.s. tunnel would cost **\$5 billion less** than a 15,000 c.f.s. tunnel. A 3,000 c.f.s. cut and fill pipeline could be even cheaper and **removes likelihood of significant cost overruns**.

MWD and other urban users could afford to pay most of the cost - in return for which they would receive first call on the water if there is a loss of South Delta pumping. (A 3,000 c.f.s. tunnel/pipeline could convey at least 1.3 million acre feet, their “**Insurance Policy**”).

Delta interests would look much more favorably on a 3,000 c.f.s. tunnel/pipeline as it would require water quality in the Central and South Delta to be maintained and the State would still have an interest in maintaining key Delta levees. (e.g. **Assurances**)

Regulatory agencies would allow a 3,000 c.f.s. intake to a tunnel/pipeline. They have said they will not permit all the intakes needed for a 15,000 c.f.s. conveyance until a smaller intake was found to be safe for fish.

A 3,000 c.f.s. tunnel/pipeline would open the door to **phased ecosystem restoration**.

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Simplified and Affordable Financing Plan

1. Use existing Proposition 1E funds for upgrading prioritized Delta levees
2. New 3,000 c.f.s. cut and fill pipeline - \$6 billion

Most funding from urban water districts receiving Delta water

3. Delta Ecosystem Restoration

Start with existing funds and Delta restoration projects, e.g. Dutch Slough, Prospect Island, MWD and Westlands projects in Yolo Bypass

Use lessons learned from those projects for additional restoration that could be funded from about \$250 million for Delta restoration projects in a future, slimmed down and focused water bond.

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